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health. The man, Bethea, refuged September 1, and returned here two weeks ago, becoming ill on the 13th, at a boarding house, on Southard street (Mrs. Lee's) between Duval and Simonton.

Respectfully,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Chicken pox at the Cheyenne Agency, S. Dak.

CHEYENNE AGENCY, S. DAK., January 13, 1900.

SIR: In accordance with the interstate quarantine regulations, I have the honor to report to you the prevalence of an epidemic; 10 cases of varicella, 1 or 2 of them presenting peculiar characteristics, such as pustules on back of arch of palate, and a shotty feel of skin in another. I have seen similar cases in Arizona, and both there and here some of pustules umbilicated. I have attended both variola vera and varicella, and hence I am positive of my diagnosis that this is varicella, although I feel it necessary to watch the cases and quarantine them.

I make this report, as the varicella is not mentioned, still it would appear to come under the regulations.

Respectfully,

J. G. BULLOCH,
School Physician.

Smallpox in Cairo—Importance of vaccination.

CAIRO, ILL., January 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended January 13, 2 new cases of smallpox and 1 death in this city, making a total of 34 cases and 4 deaths since the outbreak.

Supplementary to my telegram of last night I would say that the case mentioned was the first one among the river men; he contracted the disease at Paducah, Ky., while employed on the steamer *Will Cummins*, of the Massingale Packet Company, and feeling sick, secured his hospital certificate and came down the Ohio River as a deck passenger on the steamer *Dick Fowler*.

The *Dick Fowler*, making daily trips between Cairo and Paducah, I telephoned to the wharf master to hold her until I could visit her.

I then vaccinated the captain and entire crew (with the hearty cooperation of the former and protests of the latter), and was obliged to secure 30 additional glycerinized vaccine tubes to provide for the emergency.

The patient had been on the *Dick Fowler* for five hours, and spent the time in the engine room. The latter was washed down and flushed with antiseptic solution, 1-500 bichloride. The master of this boat informed me that he ships practically a new crew every week, so I have arranged with him to appear unannounced on board every Monday, when he will have all hands "lined up" to be vaccinated or passed for recent successful vaccination. In this respect, I desire to express my surprise at the number of adults, especially among the negro river men, who had never been vaccinated.

They do not seem to comprehend what can be almost absolutely avoided by being vaccinated even when smallpox is epidemic, and, as a matter of course, run to avoid vaccination.

Among the cases of smallpox here, only 2 had ever been vaccinated, and those unsuccessfully, while all the remainder had persistently refused it or remained negligent.

I contemplate visiting or communicating with the masters of all ves-

sels touching at this port, and arranging for general vaccination of all their crews.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in Colorado.

DENVER, COLO., *January 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have to report 3 cases of smallpox in Huerfano County, Colo., which developed January 9, 1900, in quarantine, the source of infection being the disease in the same family; also 1 case of smallpox in Denver, Arapahoe County, Colo., which developed January 7, 1900, source of infection being Folsom, N. Mex.

Respectfully,

G. E. TYLER,
Secretary.

Smallpox in Georgia.

SAVANNAH, GA., *January 11, 1900.*

SIR: Smallpox is present at the following places in this State: Brunswick, said to be 10 or more cases, presumably more; Waycross, 7; Blackshear, 16; Liberty City (Johnston), 1; Jesup, 2.

I visited Waycross and Blackshear during the present week, at request of the authorities at these two points, and efficient steps are being taken to stamp out the disease; isolation of sick and suspects found in infected buildings, and house-to-house vaccination to be followed by disinfection of infected premises. One case of smallpox was discovered in this city last night, patient arriving here from Brunswick, Ga., December 23. Onset of the disease Friday, January 5. Moved to isolation hospital. Other occupants of the infected house moved to detention camp for observation to cover period of incubation. The disease has evidently existed in Brunswick, Waycross, and Blackshear for the past eight or ten weeks. In Waycross I saw 1 case that dated back to the middle of December. There are several cases at Blackshear that antedated the first case at Waycross. Waycross unquestionably received its infection from Brunswick, while at Blackshear it would appear that the infection came from cotton shipped from such points as Ocilla and Douglas.

Respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER,
Health Officer.

Smallpox in Darien, Ga.

DARIEN, GA., *January 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report 2 cases of smallpox in Darien, contracted in and brought to this city from Brunswick, Ga. There are 2 other cases in the northern portion of the county, about 22 miles from the city. I have acted with the health officer of the city and county, and we have isolated these cases and placed guards around them, and are using every means in our power to prevent any further spread of the disease.

Respectfully,

SPALDING KENAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Shreveport, La.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *January 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report upon the smallpox situation in this city from December 3 last, to yesterday (17th instant): Number of